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1. The Erevan Building Material Works (Erevanski Zavod Stroitelnykh Materialov) is located at the town of Erevan in the Armenian SSR. It produces the following types of building materials:

- Foundation blocks
- Partition blocks
- Colored slabs
- Mosaic steps
- Reinforced concrete girders

Pumice blocks are the principal product of the works and, for this reason, the works are often referred to in conversation as "Pumice Block Works" (Zavod Pempzoblokov).

2. The factory is controlled by the Ministry for Building Material Industry of the USSR. Since June 1948, it has not received government subsidies and has been transferred to the category of profitable enterprises. During the first six months of 1948, the works produced the following quantities of building materials (in round figures):

Pumice blocks of rectangular shapes (80 x 40 x 30 cm):  
Actual production 505,000 blocks (the plan stipulated  
production of 460,000 blocks).

Partition blocks: 14,000 (the plan stipulated only 9,000).

Colored slabs (tsvetnaya tometnaya plita): 9,000 (the plan stipulated 7,200). The works keeps a record of production of colored slabs in units and in square meters, as slabs of various sizes are produced.

Movie stair steps: 4,200 (the plan stipulated 3,600). The output of steps at the works is also recorded in units and in meters of length.

Reinforced concrete girders (zhelezobetonnyaya balka): 9,800 (the plan stipulated 9,000).

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During June 1948, the works produced the following quantities of building materials:

Pumice blocks	-	102,000
Partition blocks	-	2,600
Colored slabs	-	1,600
Mosaic steps	-	850
Reinforced concrete girders	-	2,400

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3. In June 1948, the factory director was G. Arutunyan. The shop chiefs were as follows:

- Pumice block shop: M. Edoyan
- Partition block shop: Akhayan
- Reinforced concrete article shop: K. Avchyan
- Mosaic stair step shop: Grigoryan
- Colored slab shop: Abovyan

4. Shops, machinery:

- Pumice block shop (pemzoblochny tsekh): This is the main shop of the works and is equipped with three machines for molding pumice blocks.
- Drying shop (sushilny tsekh): Contains drying furnaces operating on mazut.
- Preparatory shop (podgotovitelny tsekh)
- Partition block shop (tsekh peregorodochnykh plit)
- Reinforced concrete article shop (tsekh zhelezobetonnykh izdeli): In 1948 this shop has been expanding considerably and a new shop is now being established. The expansion will be completed in August 1948.
- Mosaic stair step shop (tsekh mozaichnykh stupeni)
- Colored slab shop (tsekh tsvetnykh tometnykh plit)

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In 1948, the works has been extensively reconstructed and expanded. In particular, the reinforced concrete shop is being expanded and it is assumed that, after expansion, its production may be trebled. The pumice block shop is also being expanded and a part of its operations will be mechanized. The preparatory shop has been almost entirely mechanized and the partition block shop is being partially mechanized.

Comment: It has not been possible to find the word "tometny" in any available dictionary. Colored floor slabs, which were formerly called "metlach" slabs ("metlakhaskaya plitka"), are probably meant.

5. Basic raw materials are received by the works from local sources

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Cement: from the Ordzhonikidze Cement Works (under Director M. Gevorkyan).

Pumice block materials: from the Anipemza Enterprise (under Director M. Malkhayan).

In May 1948, a railway branch connecting the Erevan station with the works was completed and at present loading of finished articles and unloading of raw material has been greatly simplified, no longer requiring considerable motor transport from the works to the railway station.

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6. In the first five months of 1948 the Erevan Tire Factory has increased its production of casings and inner tubes as follows:

<u>Production</u>	<u>Casings</u>	<u>Inner tubes</u>
December 1947	3,940	4,150
Total 1947	41,000	50,000 approx.
January to May 1948, inclusive	26,300	28,100
May 1948	5,420	5,750

7. At the beginning of 1948 a further slight increase in production was observed. The quantity of "Gigant" (giant) casings and "Gigant" inner tubes has increased slightly in comparison with general production and makes up approximately 35% of the total production (35% of casings and 35% of inner tubes).
8. Production is increasing gradually and, provided the increase in production remains constant, the total production in 1948 can be expected to reach 70,000 casings and 75,000 inner tubes. In order to reach the target of 180,000 tires, which is the planned production for 1950, it will be necessary for output to be increased  $2\frac{1}{2}$  times during 1949 and 1950.
9. In June 1948, the Director of the factory was Bayakhchev.

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